



# HALLOWEEN AND COVID-19: A SPOOKY COMBINATION!

*With fall quickly approaching, families start to plan for the upcoming holiday season, starting with Halloween. As many traditional Halloween celebrations typically involve close contact with friends and extended family, it is important to plan early and find safer options this year. Brown County Public Health has developed guidance that is consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to assist you in preventing the spread of COVID-19.*

## BEST PRACTICES FOR A NIGHT OF FUN WITH YOUR LIL' GHOSTS AND GHOULS!

**For Trick-or-Treaters, consider these the practices to ensure a safe evening:**

- If you are sick, or have recently been in contact with someone who has COVID-19 or has symptoms, stay home.
- Wear a face covering over your mouth and nose to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Masks can fit under your costume or be tied into a part of costumes!
- Avoid indoor and confined spaces – keep your events outdoors when possible. Enjoy the last bit of time outside with a bonfire before winter hibernation sets in. Project a spooky movie in your yard!
- Enjoy the evening and be sure to practice social distancing by staying 6 feet away from people outside of your household. If you do go trick-or-treating this year, stick with your household members.
- When hunting for treats, be sure to carry hand sanitizer and use it often.
- Clean frequently touched items regularly.

**For adults that prefer to watch for Trick-or-Treaters consider these added safety precautions:**

- If you are concerned about your health or are home sick, feel free to leave your porch light off for the evening. Trick-or-Treaters will move along to the next house.
- If you still want to hand out candy, consider small bags or individually packaged candies, placed on a tray outside of your door that are easy to see by the lil' ghosts and goblins!
- For those braving the lil' monsters, please consider wearing a mask and keeping interactions with trick-or-treaters brief when handing out goodies.



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*This Halloween season can be especially scary with COVID-19 lurking in the darkness, so consider what level of risk you want to take on with these types of events:*

## EERIE LOWER RISK OPTIONS:

- **Host online parties and contests.** *This is a great time to show off your pumpkin carving skills and that Halloween costume you spent so much time planning.*
- **Plan a car parade:**
  - *Decorate your vehicles and show the neighborhood your Halloween spirit.*
  - *Drive through festive neighborhoods to enjoy their Halloween displays.*
- **Dress your house and yard with Halloween-themed decorations.** *Make it a neighborhood contest.*
- **Place pre-portioned treats throughout your yard, for children to grab when trick-or-treating.**
- **Coordinate a murder mystery night with your family.** *Online options are available for friends to join in on the fun.*
- **Do a DIY family photoshoot.** *Put on those costumes and snap some pictures.*
- **Make your own Halloween candy/treats.** *This is a great opportunity to teach the kids how their favorite Halloween treat is made!*

## CREEPY HIGHER RISK OPTIONS:

- **Halloween gatherings, parties, or events with non-household members (especially indoors)**
- **Traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating (without using above best practices)**
- **“Trunk-or-treating”**



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